



Monthly Meetings

General meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday each month from 2pm to 4pm. **Doors open at 1.35pm**

Entry (including refreshments):

Members free, waiting list £1.50, guests £2

Friday 27th March

A Day in Court (Ex-Magistrate)

Speaker Mary Winder

Friday 24th April

AGM

Rambles

We have usually been lucky with the weather for our rambles and let's hope that holds for the coming months. It makes all the difference if you have a nice day. The walks are not too long, we avoid mud and stiles these days and you are always in good company. You will notice that we frequent the Rose and Crown quite a bit and that's because all the other local pubs are rubbish – have had bad reports about The Three Crutches, The Gardeners Arms and The Falstaff. Any suggestions for other lunch venues would be welcome.

Wednesday 4th March – Cobham Woods/ Mausoleum

Meet in the car park behind Cobham School/tennis club at 11.am for a walk to the Mausoleum (this could be on muddy paths) Back to cars and on to The Rose and Crown, Shorne, for lunch at around 12.45 pm

Wednesday 11th March – Shorne Country Park

Meet in the car park of The Rose and Crown at 11am for a walk around Shorne Country Park. Back to the pub for lunch at around 12.45 pm

Sunday 29th March –Leybourne Lakes

Meet in the car park of Leybourne Lakes (fee payable) for a circular walk around the lake. If you wish to have tea or coffee first meet at 10.30am in the coffee shop and we can all gather there at 11am for the walk. Back to cars and on to The Rose and Crown, Shorne for lunch at around 12.45pm

Non-walkers are very welcome to meet up with walkers for the pub lunch and prior notice would be appreciated. Please note that all ramblers walk at their own risk and non-members are reminded they are not covered by HiARA's third party insurance. If you have any queries about the walks please do not hesitate to give Janet a call on 01474 824221 or 0784988456

Activity Sessions

Entry (including refreshments) Members £1, Waiting list £1.50, Guests £2

**Sessions are held Fridays between 1.30 to 4.00pm
On dates below**

March

Friday 6th, 13th, and 20th

Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowl

April 3rd Good Friday no meeting

April

Fridays 10th, and 17th

Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

Upcoming Events

Saturday 14 th March	Social evening with Big Boppa	£12
Tuesday 24 th March	Lunch at Stone Lodge Bowls Club	£22
Wednesday 1 st April	Trip to Gurdwara Temple	Free
Wednesday 29 th April	Runnymede Cruise with lunch	£65
Wednesday 3 rd June	Maldon River Cruise with Cream Tea	£69
Saturday 19 th September	Canal Cruise to Camden Market	£41
Saturday 14 th November	Social evening with Andy Badd	TBC

**Please note that all trips must be paid for when being booked
All trips will be leaving from Taylors Lane**

Chairman's February Report

Will the rain ever stop? Never mind we have not had it as bad as some other parts of the country. Long may that continue.

Last month's speaker, Alan Haines was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting on the 23rd January. He involved the audience in many ways, even getting them singing! Well that made sure that nobody fell asleep! So well received was Alan that we will look to getting him for another session.

A plea from the cupboard! Whilst we welcome all donations of books and jigsaws the storage space we have is somewhat limited so if possible could we please keep the donations to one or two books at a time and only one jigsaw at a time. Any surplus books/jigsaws are currently taken to a charity shop but even they are being inundated. We will have a clear out of the cupboard but until then your co-operation would be appreciated.

The Memorial Hall is undergoing some renovations at the moment but hopefully they will not impact our activities but should you notice anything untoward then please let a member of the committee know and we will try to get it resolved or at least make sure that the relevant people are made aware of it.

Hopefully the weather will start warming up soon but until then stay dry and warm.

Regards Rod

The winners of the January quiz were Jenny and Mick Mount, Sue Johnson, Val Goodwin, Laurel Cooper, Margaret Jones and Marion Chapman.



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